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Ms. Emma Best  
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Reference: F-2018-02420

Dear Ms. Best:

On 2 July 2019 we received your 21 June 2019 correspondence requesting the status of your 15 October 2018 appeal to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Our records indicate that we sent a final response to you concerning this request on 30 May 2019. We are enclosing a copy of our response in the event that you did not receive it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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30 May 2019

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Dear Ms. Best:

This is a final response to your 15 October 2018 appeal to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) of your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

***The ARP carefully considered your petition and determined that the appeal should be granted in part.*** As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination, described more fully in what follows.

As a result of searches reasonably calculated to locate records responsive to your request, two documents were located which may be released in part, while withholding portions on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947. Enclosed are copies of the documents showing our deletions and citing our exemptions.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website at [http://ogis/archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov).

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Mark Lilly  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel

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